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SUBJECT: ROC MILITARY CONFERENCE

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1. MND'S ANNUAL MILITARY CONFERENCE WAS HELD IN LATE JUNE, REPORTEDLY WITH MORE THAN A THOUSAND MILITARY LEADERS IN ATTENDANCE. MND DESCRIBED CONFERENCE AS SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE IT WAS HELD SHORTLY AFTER DEATH OF PRESIDENT CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND AT TIME WHEN ASIAN SITUATION IS TURBULENT. RESOLUTION PUBLISHED AT END OF CONFERENCE CONTAINED FOLLOWING POINTS.

A. ROC ARMED FORCES ARE COMPLETELY UNITED TO CARRY OUT THE WILL OF THE LATE PRESIDENT.

B. THE ARMED FORCES WILL NOT FALL INTO THE PRC'S PEACE TALK TRAP; IN ORDER TO DEFEND EVERYONE'S COUNTRY, HOME TOWN, LIFE AND PROPERTY, AS WELL AS CHINESE CULTURE, ARMED FORCES ARE PREPARED TO SHED BLOOD TO MEET ANY CHALLENGES.

C. AFTER THEIR UNITED FRONT TRICKS FAIL, THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS MAY RESORT TO INVASION ATTEMPTS AGAINST TAIWAN. HOWEVER, ROC ARMED FORCES WILL BE PREPARED, AND IN ANY FUTURE CONFIDENTIAL

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BATTLES WE WILL TURN THEIR DEFENSE INTO AN OFFENSIVE. ROC ARMED FORCES ARE DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE FINAL VICTORY AND RECOVERY OF THE MAINLAND.

2. ACCORDING TO LIEN HO PAO, PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO TOLD CONFERENCE: "TWO DOORS ARE CLOSED PERMANENTLY. WE DEFINITELY WOULD NOT ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH THE RUSSIANS."END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. CONFERENCE RESOLUTION IS NOTABLE FOR EMPHASIS ON ROC PREPAREDNESS TO DEFEND TAIWAN AGAINST PRC AND DOWNPLAYING OF MAINLAND-RECOVERY THEME. THIS RELATIVE EMPHASIS IS CONTINUATION OF SEVERAL-YEAR-OLD TREND, BUT POSSIBLY ALSO REFLECTS RECENT PRC EDGINESS OVER PRC INTENTIONS TOWARD TAIWAN. THE REFERENCE TO DEFENSE OF COUNTRY, HOME TOWN, ETC., IS WORDING WE HAVE NOT NOTICED BEFORE, AND SEEMS DESIGNED TO APPEAL TO THE TAIWANESE.

4. THE FIRM REJECTION OF PRC "UNITED FRONT TRICKS" AND PEACE TALKS WITH THE PRC IS A STRONG REMINDER, IN CASE ANYBODY NEEDED REMINDING, THAT THIS REMAINS AN ESSENTIAL ELEMENT OF THE PARTY LINE. THE PREMIER'S REJECTION OF CONTACTS WITH THE USSR IS ALSO A STANDARD POSITION WHICH HAS BEEN CONVEYED PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS, BUT IT MAY HAVE BEEN REITERATED AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME BECAUSE OF RECENT RUMORS CONCERNING A VISIT TO TAIWAN BY VIKTOR LOUIS. UNGER

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